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TAGS: OAS, UY, SHUM

SUBJECT: POSTPONEMENT OF VOTE ON VIII OASGA

REF: MONTEVIDEO 0293

1. FOLLOWING TELCON AND RECEIPT OF REFTEL, TRAGEN CALLED ROCA TO ENSURE POSTPONEMENT WOULD BE SOUGHT IN TIME. ROCA SAID HE HAD JUST DISCUSSED MATTER WITH ROVIRA AND HIS NEW INSTRUCTIONS WERE TO QUOTE SUPPORT REQUEST FOR POSTPONEMENT IF ANOTHER DELEGATION REQUESTED ONE UNQUOTE. TRAGEN READ TEXT OF REFTEL TO ROCA, NOTED URUGUAY NEEDED TIME TO WORK FOR RESOLUTION OF ISSUE AND SAID ROCA SHOULD ASK FOR POSTPONEMENT. ROCA REPLIED THAT QUOTE NATIONAL PRIDE UNQUOTE PRECLUDED HIS MAKING REQUEST BUT HE WOULD SUPPORT A MOTION IF COLOMBIAN AMBASSADOR GORI OFFERED ONE. RATHER

THAN SEE SHOWDOWN COME AS RESULT OF ROCA'S (AND PERHAPS ROVIRA'S) OBSTINACY WE CONCURRED IN APPROACH TO GORI, WHO WAS WILLING TO ACT.

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2. THUS POSTPONEMENT WAS ACHIEVED THROUGH GOOD OFFICES OF COLOMBIA AND WITH ONLY GRUDGING CONCURRENCE BY ROCA. ROCA'S APPARENT DESIRE FOR A SHOWDOWN AND HIS WAY OF MISINTERPRETING WHAT HAS BEEN SAID BY US DOES NOT AUGUR WELL FOR

THE FUTURE OF DIRECT DEALINGS WITH IAHRC SHOULD THE

URUGUAYANS ACCORD ROCA A MAJOR ROLE IN THEM. BREVITY OF
POSTPONEMENT TO JANUARY 31 LEAVES LITTLE TIME FOR
URUGUAYANS TO REACH ACCOMMODATION WITH IAHRC. VANCE

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